

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing retail theft with extenuating circumstances to retail theft with special circumstances.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Sheldon and Carrell).

Senate Committee on Law & Justice
House Committee on Public Safety

Background: A person commits the crime of retail theft with extenuating circumstances if the individual commits theft of property from a mercantile establishment with one of the following circumstances:

- To facilitate the theft, the person leaves the mercantile establishment through a designated emergency exit;
- The person was, at the time of the theft, in possession of an item, article, implement, or device designed to overcome security systems including, but not limited to, lined bags or tag removers; or
- The person committed theft at three or more separate and distinct mercantile establishments within a 180 day period.

Retail theft with extenuating circumstances may be charged in the first, second, or third degree, depending on the value of the items taken.

The term extenuating circumstances is not defined in the Revised Code of Washington.

Summary: The crime of retail theft with extenuating circumstances is changed to retail theft with special circumstances.

Special circumstances are defined to mean the particular aggravating circumstances described in the statutory definition of the offense.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0	
House	92	0	(House amended)
Senate	47	0	(Senate concurred)

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